



S A I N T J O H N
the Evangelist
CATHOLIC PARISH DAPTO

Come in and sit down, relax, don't stress. I welcome you to our beautiful parish & church. Please feel welcome and tell me if you need anything.
Keep Smiling, Francis Tran PP

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Closed | Tues - Fri 9am - 4pm

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St John the Evangelist Parish Dapto

A Living Community

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - A

15 February 2026

Welcome to St John's



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ENTRANCE ANTIphon

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

He never commanded anyone to be godless
If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what

scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.* These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.*

'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'*

COMMUNION ANTIphon

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them;
they were not disappointed in what they craved.



Please Pray For the Repose of the Souls of the Faithful

Departed—

Recently Deceased: Elaine (Sally) Plumb

Anniversaries/Special Intentions: Joseph, Tony & Tania Formosa



ASHWEDNESDAY

BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

BAPTISMS

This week we welcome in to the Catholic faith community Lisa, James, William & Beau Carrick, Shakira Cuzner.



CATECHIST MEETING

The next Catechist meeting will be on Monday 16 February at 10am in the parish meeting room. All Catechists encouraged to attend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is a time, within the main church service, that the children get to learn about the Gospel at their level. It is enriched with discussion, song, activities and prayer.



Worksheets, related to the Gospel, will be available in the foyer for children to access if you cannot attend the 9.30am mass.

RECONCILIATION ENROLMENT

Enrolment for first reconciliation begins this weekend. Children must be in year 3 or above and have been baptised Catholic.

Please write your child's name on the list in the foyer and take and take an enrolment form that needs to be filled out and returned at the parent information night on 19 Feb at 6pm in the Church.

If your child was not baptised at St John's could you please provide a copy of their baptism certificate - this is a requirement.

**Please note, writing your child's name on the list in the foyer is not an enrolment, it just gives us an indication of numbers. To enrol you must bring the completed enrolment form to the parent information night.*

BECOME A VINNIES MEMBER

If you would like to join Vinnies and help the disadvantaged in our local area please contact Denis on 0413 589 896



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE PARISH

Facebook search: **St John's Catholic Parish Dapto**
Instagram search: **St John's Parish Dapto**



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Tuesday 17/02 - 5pm Vigil Mass

Wednesday 18/02 - 9.30am

(including yr 3-6 St John students)

ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY

All who are 14 years or older are obliged to abstain from meat. All who are 18 to 59 are obliged to fast (Canon 1252) Pastors, teachers, parents are to ensure that even those who, by reason of their age, are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence from meat, are taught the true meaning of penance.

PASCHAL PRECEPT:

Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This is to be done between Ash Wednesday (18 February 2026) and Trinity Sunday (31 May 2026) unless for a good reason it is done at another time during the year. All the faithful are obliged to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

LENTEN GROUP

Beginning Friday 20 February and continuing every Friday during lent, the CWL will be running a Lenten discussion group after Friday morning Mass in the Chapel. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Starting next Friday 20 February, Stations of the Cross in the Church at 6pm and continuing every Friday during Lent. Everyone welcome to attend.

PARISH CAR PARK

The car park across the road is almost ready for use and will be open very soon! Parking will be available for all weekday and weekend masses.

UPCOMING TRIPPE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE FOR OUR DIOCESE!

Bishop Brian Mascord warmly invites you to attend the upcoming ordination to the permanent diaconate of **John Mortimer (Albion Park), Stuart Lake (Varroville) and Ryan Suares (Rosemeadow)**.

10:00am, Saturday 28 February 2026
St John Vianney Co-Cathedral (1 Cabbage Tree Lane, Fairy Meadow)

All are warmly invited to share in this joyful celebration, praying for and supporting these three men and their families as they are ordained to serve our diocesan community.

RSVP by 20 February at rsvp.dow.org.au.

Parking will be available at the Fraternity Club (11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow).

JOIN OUR MISSION – Diocesan Director Opportunity

Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate person for a paid casual role as Diocesan Director for Diocese of Wollongong. This position averages 3.75 hours per week across the year, with extra hours during our Project Compassion appeal (February–May). In partnership with the Diocese of Wollongong, you'll help end poverty, promote justice, and uphold dignity by sharing Caritas Australia's mission through education, fundraising, advocacy, and building strong relationships with Catholic schools, parishes, and the wider Catholic community. If you're committed to social and ecological justice, we'd love to hear from you! Scan the QR code to learn more about this rewarding role.



Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity | Special Film Screening

Office of the Bishop, Xavier Centre Conference Rooms Wollongong, Wednesday 11 March 2026 at 6:30pm

You're invited to a special community screening of the acclaimed documentary film Guadalupe: Mother of Humanity. In 1531, on a quiet hill near Mexico City, a heavenly apparition changed the course of history. To this day, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe remains perfectly intact after 5 centuries, defying time, science, and logic and contains an entire codex of hidden messages, has survived an acid spill and even a bomb blast. Come and join us for a screening of the acclaimed movie about this Marian apparition and the extraordinary events and miracles that have followed. Because some miracles refuse to fade! Light refreshments and finger food will be provided on the night and merchandise available for purchase.

Tickets and Food Suggested donation per person - \$10 – to book, contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

DARE TO LOVE AS JESUS LOVED

Presenters: Sr Magdalen Mather osb and Sr Julian Grigor

Join us on **Saturday 21 February 2026**. You are welcomed to Mass at 9am in the Abbey Church or begin the day with the first session at 10.15. We will pray Lent in with the love of Jesus, embracing the compassion that calls us beyond ourselves. May it be a threshold into a Lent lived with intention, tenderness, and courage. The day concludes at 3.30 pm. Morning tea is provided. Please bring your own lunch. For more information and to register: jamberooabbey.org.au/events/2026. Cost \$60 (pensioner discount available).

A VOCATION VIEW

'You have heard that it was said . . . ' Jesus challenges His disciples to a deeper embrace of His teachings. Embrace His teachings with your whole heart, mind and soul. (Matthew 5:20-37)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

— Kindergarten Enrolment 2027

Enrolment Applications for Kindergarten 2027 are now open - please visit our school website to complete an application - [St John's Catholic Primary School - Kindergarten Enrolment Application](http://StJohnsCatholicPrimarySchool-KindergartenEnrolmentApplication)

You are warmly invited to our upcoming Open Days on Thursday 26th February and Thursday 5th March - to book a time for a tour please visit [Open Day Booking](http://OpenDayBooking.enrol.sjddow.catholic.edu.au/2026-open-day)

COMPASSIO – 2026 Lenten Program

Now available in the foyer of the church. \$5 each



THE ORDER OF THE MASS - QR CODE

Anyone who would like to follow the mass which is generally available from the cards and the end of the pews at the entrance of the church, can now scan the QR code and follow the mass using your device.



Church Roster - Those offering their time - Thank you

21/22 FEB	1st reader	2nd reader	Extraordinary Minister	Counters
Sat 5pm	A Harnett	M Harnett	T Kadmon, P Portelli, C Daly	L Negro S Parker
Sun 7.30am	D Clegg	A Peeyer	M Whatman, Ru Gilmore, G Teixeira	
Sun 9.30am	M Howe	S Parker	E Gill, S Iverson, L Foy	
Sun 6pm	K Gurney	S Seritti	

Baptisms – Sundays 11am. Bookings through parish office.

Marriages – Please contact Priest 6 months prior to wedding date.

Nursing Home Masses :

St Luke's NH: 1st Tue of month at 10.45am

William Beach NH: 2nd Wed of month at 2pm

Sick Calls – Please contact Fr Francis or the parish office.

Wollongong Hospital Chaplain – Fr Joseph - 0475 815 506

West Dapto Catholic Cemetery - Plots are for sale.
Please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDIES

Thursdays during school term, 7.30pm at the Xavier Room behind the Cathedral. Direct enquiries to Tom Kadmon: 0413927086.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Tuesday after the 5pm Mass in St John's chapel – from 5.30pm – 6.30pm. Matthew Nicholson (0459735640).

MASS TIMES

Tuesday	Mass	5pm
Wednesday	Mass	9.30am
Thursday	Mass Followed by Benediction	9.30am
Friday	Mass	9.30am
Saturday	Reconciliation Rosary Mass	11am - 12pm 4.30pm 5pm
Sunday	Mass	7.30am 9.30am - (Children's Liturgy) 6pm Baptisms
		Every Sunday 11am

Welcome to St John's!

Are you new to our Parish? Have you registered at the office that you attend our church?

Please feel free to inform us of your arrival in our Parish as we would love to know that you are here and get to know you.

Please feel free to complete this form and return it to the office or place it in one of the collections at mass.

NAME/S:.....

CHILDREN:.....

ADDRESS:.....

TELEPHONE:..... MOBILE:.....

EMAIL:.....

Would you like to join in planned giving to support our Parish? **Yes / Not now**

Please see Fr Francis or contact the office on 4261 1315

Thank you for making a difference to our Parish